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(57) Abstract: In most households the electrical geyser is one of the major electricity consumers. This patent provides an alternative method of heating a fluid typically water, only using electricity while water is flowing. The invention provides a method of heating a fluid which includes the step of passing said fluid along a flow passage (14) defined within a tubular electrically resistive heating element (12). An effective and electricity saving means for heating a fluid particularly water for industrial and/or domestic purposes is provided. A current regulator may be added to the heating element (12) to heat a fluid particularly water to a specific temperature for a specified flowrate.

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